

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

August 23, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Mayor Springer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Springer certified that the meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2010. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Present were: Mayor Jay Springer, Deputy Mayor Louise Campbell, Council Member Joseph Maroccia, and Council Member Keith Nagler. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew. Council Member Walter Tafe was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said American Traffic Solutions will be out this week installing the red light cameras at the following intersections Woodlane/Rte. 206, Woodlane/Smithville, Woodlane/Monmouth, and Monmouth/Smithville. Next week they would start accumulating the data at those intersections.

Township Manager Carew said he had a meeting with PSE&G regarding the ongoing problems the residents have been having with the work PSE&G was doing in the Township. Since the meeting a direct phone number to reach PSE&G has been posted on the Township sign.

Township Manager Carew said Township Engineer Jamanow had a meeting with PSE&G to discuss them doing work without the proper approvals.

Township Manager Carew said he has started looking at the issue that Councilman Nagler raised as to the crosswalk of Woodlane Road. He has received advice from the Township Engineer, Police Department and the County Traffic Engineer that illuminating that crosswalk is not a requirement, and none of them seemed concerned that the lack of illumination caused a public safety issue. However, he requested that the County re-visit the township's prior request that the County lower the speed limit there. He will update Council as this issue progresses.

Township Manager Carew said he has begun to work on the newsletter to have it out in the mail for Labor Day weekend, in time for the Fun Day event. It will be completed on Microsoft Publisher instead of Microsoft Word; that will make it look nicer and save us money. He said this would be the last printed newsletter for the residents. Next year the newsletter would go out by email notification, facebook and the website. If a resident requests a newsletter we would be able to mail it to them.

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Township Manager Carew said he has looked into the block parties' road closings. Acting Chief Muraglia feels Council should continue to approve the block parties through resolution or the police will lose the authority to enforce laws with a closed road.

Township Attorney Fahey said she would provide a sample resolution to the Township Clerk.

Township Manager Carew said he spoke with Ann Moore from Burlington County regarding the cart program. He is waiting on her to provide statistics about decreased costs and increased revenues as a result of the cart program. The carts can be bonded over six years. They would order 1,000 carts to start.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to initiate ordering 1,000 recycling carts from Burlington County and have the Township Manager speak with the Chief Financial Officer, Auditor and Burlington County regarding bonding for the purchase.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays the motion passed.

Township Manager Carew said he has spoken to Rich Parks regarding disposing of recycled items at the police station. Rich Parks indicated that the Township continue to accept the tires until they can find a cheaper vendor to haul them away. Rich Parks also said that the Township gets .05 cents a gallon for motor oil.

Township Manager Carew said Patrolman Michael Shepard has received a Gallantry Star Excellent Arrest award and would like Mayor and Council to present him with a proclamation at the September 13 meeting. Mr. Carew said he would add the information to the newsletter, website and Township sign recognizing Patrolman Michael Shepard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 17, 2010 Special Meeting

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER that the June 17, 2010 special meeting minutes be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays the June 17, 2010 special meeting minutes were approved.

July 26, 2010

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER that the July 26, 2010 minutes be approved.

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ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays the July 26, 2010 minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2010-14 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending Chapter 72 of The Township Code to Amend the Program for the Recycling of Designated Recyclable Materials and Modify for Violations Thereof

Mayor Springer opened the public hearing, there being no comments he closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER to approve Ordinance 2010-14.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-14 was adopted.

Ordinance No. 2010-15 A Bond Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Providing for Road Improvements, Purchase of a Public Works Dump Truck, Computers/Office Equipment, and Building Improvements/Maintenance Repairs by the Township of Eastampton and Appropriating Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$277,000.00) Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes in the Amount of \$263,150.00

Mayor Springer opened the public hearing, there being no comments he closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Ordinance 2010-15.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-15 was adopted.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 2010-16 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 39 of the Township Code with respect to Business Licenses

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be August 27, 2010.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Ordinance 2010-16 and set public hearing for September 13, 2010.

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ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-16 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-72 Approval of 2011 Municipal Drug Alliance Grant Application

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-72.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-72 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Police (June)
- Public Works
- Tax Collector
- Township Clerk
- Treasurer
- Westampton Court

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the Township Clerk, Construction, Police (June), Public Works, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Westampton Court reports.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Township Clerk, Construction, Police (June), Public Works, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Westampton Court were approved.

- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the report for Tax Assessor.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None
Abstain - Maroccia

There being three (3) ayes and one (1) abstention, Tax Assessor report was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA that the August 19, 2010 bill list be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills dated August 19, 2010 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Responsible Contractor Ordinance

Township Attorney Fahey said The County Freeholders adopted a Responsible Contractor Ordinance (“RCO”) earlier this year and have urged municipalities in the County to consider doing the same. Similar ordinances have been, adopted throughout New Jersey and other states. The purpose of an RCO is to establish requirements for all contractors and subcontractors performing work for the municipality with regard to employee wages, training, and safety. She asked what dollar amounts they would like to set.

After a discussion, Council has agreed as a consensus not to move forward with the Responsible Contractor Ordinance at this time.

- Tax Assessor Shared Service Agreement

Township Attorney Fahey said the shared service agreement is up at the end of the year and wanted to make sure they wish to continue with the agreement.

Council agreed as a consensus to continue with the shared service agreement with Maple Shade Township for Tax Assessor’s services.

Township Attorney Fahey said she would prepare the Resolution and Agreement for a future agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recycling Depot

This was discussed during the Township Manager’s Report.

- Codification

Township Attorney Fahey said the Township Clerk and staff have been working on the changes for the codification. Council would need to weigh in on some decisions regarding changes in the code book.

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Councilman Nagler said the Township Engineer mentioned at a previous meeting that the Township should have an ordinance for the filming of storm drains for new developers. He asked where they were on this.

- Storm drain ordinances

Township Attorney Fahey said she spoke with Township Engineer Jamanow and this could be done as part of the codification.

- Block Parties/Road Closings

This was discussed during the Township Manager's Report.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Nagler asked Township Manager Carew to please look into why the Nextel's are costing so much money. He asked if we could share a contract with the school or look into getting a better rate plan on them.

Township Clerk White said she would be on vacation the week of August 30 and return September 7.

Township Manager Carew said he drove past Clark's Tavern and it looks great with all the new changes.

Councilman Nagler said that Edmunds and Associates collects taxes online and would like to know how it works.

Mayor Springer said that Dan Chieco was finished with the landscaping at the Recreation Building.

Mayor Springer said unfortunately it hit the paper before he had a chance to speak to Council but in July he attended a meeting with Mayors from Mt. Holly, Hainesport, Westampton and Lumberton to start dialogue of possible shared services for next year. He said it became obvious to him at the meeting that Eastampton is well ahead of the curve with shared services. He said that the towns are willing to share their street sweepers. The next meeting would be in September with the Police Chiefs and Township Managers to see if administrative costs could be shared between towns. The meeting was very good and very cordial.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive, said he would like to see a curb installed by the dirt pile of Knotty Oak Drive closest to the school.

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It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn meeting at 10:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer

Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

KIM-MARIE WHITE

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Municipal Clerk

JAY SPRINGER

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Mayor

Approved: September 13, 2010